

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve staff's ranking of the Disaster Recovery Services contractors and direct staff to negotiate contracts with the top two ranked firms, Crowder-Gulf and Ash Britt and authorize the City Manager to execute the contracts

Memorandum

DATE: March 18, 2008

TO: City Council

THROUGH: City Manager Judie Zimomra

FROM: Public Works Director Gates Castle *JAC*

Subject: Disaster Recovery Services

RECOMMENDATION: Approve staff's ranking of the disaster recovery services contractors and direct the staff to negotiate contracts with the two top ranked firms, Crowder-Gulf and Ash Britt.

In 2004, the City entered into an agreement with Crowder-Gulf for disaster recovery services, including debris removal, storage and disposal. Such agreements save time during the critical period immediately following an event by avoiding the necessity of soliciting proposals at that time. Pre-disaster agreements also potentially save money by having the cost of services included in the agreement. Staff recommends that the City enter into a new agreement for disaster recovery services prior to the expiration of the current agreement on June 4, 2008.

In the November 26, 2007 edition of the Ft. Myers News-Press, a request for proposals was placed to provide the City's disaster recovery services. Nine firms responded to the request and a staff committee comprised of Police Major Mike Murray, Chief Building Official Harold Law, Administrative Services Director Jim Isom, Deputy Public Works Director Scott Krawczuk and Public Works Director Gates Castle selected four of the firms to make oral presentations to the committee. Based upon the firms' written submittals and oral presentations, the staff committee ranked the firms as follows:

1. (tied) Crowder-Gulf
1. (tied) Ash-Britt Environmental
3. Grubbs Emergency Services
4. DRC Emergency Services

Staff recommends that City Council approve the staff ranking of the disaster recovery contractors and direct the City Manager to negotiate contracts with the top-ranked firms, Crowder-Gulf and Ash Britt. If the contract negotiations are successful with both firms, it is staff's intent to recommend that Council enter into two contracts for the services.